

DELAWARE POPULATION CONSORTIUM



MINUTES Delaware Population Consortium Virtual Meeting October 22, 2020

The Meeting of the Delaware Population Consortium was held on Thursday, October 22, 2020 virtually using WebEx.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samantha Bulkilvish at 10:00 a.m.

The following Consortium members were present:

Officers:

Samantha Bulkilvish, Chair, City of Dover
Matthew Rogers, Vice-Chair, New Castle County
Jamie Fenske, Secretary

Voting Members:

Mary Ellen Gray, City of Newark
Marc Cote, DelDot
James Galvin, Dover/Kent MPO
Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Miriam Pomilio, Office of State Planning
Kristen Krenzer, Town of Middletown
Jonathan Taswell, Delaware State Housing Authority
Eric Thompson, Delaware League of Local Governments

Other Members: Ed Ratledge, Michael DuRoss, Anson Gock, Owen Robotino, Colton Phillips, Chase Phillips, David Edgell, Dorothy Morris, Jennifer Miles

MINUTES

There was one revision to the minutes of September 24, 2020. There was a misspelling of a member's name. The minutes for September 24, 2020 were approved on a motion by James Galvin, seconded by Eric Thompson.

BUSINESS -

1. Nomination of Vice Chair
 - Samantha called for nominations for Vice Chair.
 - Matthew Rogers nominated Dan Blevins and Dan accepted the nomination.

- Marc Cote seconded the nomination and Dan Blevins was elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.
2. Nomination of Secretary
 - Samantha Called for nominations for Secretary.
 - Jamie Fenske nominated Samantha Bulkilvish and Samantha accepted the nomination.
 - Dan Blevins seconded the nomination and Samantha Bulkilvish was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.
 3. The meeting was handed over to now acting Chair Matthew Rogers.
 4. Ed Ratledge – Ed went over the Annual Population Projections Report that was prepared and sent to all members on 10/28/2020. The date on the front of the report is October 29, 2020.
 - After the Projections are voted on at our next meeting the spreadsheets will be made available on the Population Consortium website for public download.
 - Start with looking at general trends state-wide.
 - Deaths start slowing by 2050, but still at a natural decrease since births decrease.
 - Household sizes seem to be slowing dramatically and drop off in 2050.
 - Population pyramids included at the back of the report.
 - Labor force decreasing as babyboomers are retiring and populations of generations coming up behind are getting smaller.
 - Drop in labor force means decrease in total personal income for the state.
 - Data varies from County to County.
 - Hispanics growing as a population especially in New Castle County outside Wilmington.
 - We do not know structural changes the pandemic has caused and will not know for quite a while.
 - If there are any anomalies noted please email Ed Ratledge (ratledge@udel.edu) with questions and copy Matt Rogers (matthew.rogers@newcastlede.gov).
 5. Future meeting dates
 - Next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 10am where we will be voting on the Draft Projections.

ADJOURNMENT

The Consortium voted to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

Matthew Rogers
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium